

Torrance Bus Lines Continue To Show Profit Of Seven Cents a Mile

While control of the Torrance Municipal bus lines in the subject of much controversy within the City Hall, the lines, under the management of C. Z. Ward, continue to make good money for the city, reports reveal.

It is estimated that the bus lines are making a "net profit" of seven cents per mile.

The monthly gross of the lines has been ranging from \$11,000 to \$12,000 per month.

November figures show that the lines took in a total of \$12,062.33. As the lines traveled 33,528 miles, this a gross revenue of about 36 cents per mile.

Manager Ward declares that, including depreciation, the cost of operation of the lines runs from 25 to 28 cents per mile.

While endorsing the idea that the Sunset Stages operate a line from Redondo Beach to Torrance, the City of Torrance is considering establishing a service to North Torrance.

Working under the theory that the bus lines are not intended to "make money" but to serve the people, the majority of the council now in control of the department states that it is willing to venture into new fields, utilizing the profits to give better service.

Meanwhile, the question of the sale of the lines to C. R. Koors is the subject of a Superior court suit, and a hearing for a new trial, on petition of the city, is set for Dec. 21, tomorrow.

Revenue of the bus department, last month was derived as follows: Tenth & Hill station,

\$4663.30; Beacon Drug Co. station, \$2597.85; fare boxes, \$4241.96; and miscellaneous revenue making up the balance.

SERVICEMEN FETED AT DINNER PARTY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Richhart was a recent setting for a welcome party for their sons, Pvt. Ray Richhart on 45-day leave and Harry Richhart, recently discharged, their son-in-law, Dale H. Wright, who had also received his discharge and Tom Sloan. Covers were placed for 17 family members.

Those Employing One Or More Must Now Withhold From Check

California employers hiring from one to three employees recently started receiving registration forms from the California Department of Employment, T. H. Muford, chief of the Division of Accounts and Tax Collections, said approximately 115,000 forms are enroute to em-

ployers in this group, to make certain they will be registered with the department and receive contribution report forms about the middle of next March for the period beginning Jan. 1. The last session of the Legislature amended the California Unemployment Insurance Act to

cover employers of fewer than four workers. These units heretofore have been exempt from payment of unemployment insurance tax. However, beginning Jan. 5, 1946, the tax of 2.7 per cent of the employers' pay roll and 1 per cent of the employees' sal-

ary will apply to all employers (and their employees) who employ one or more individuals. Muford said that with minor exceptions, the State Unemployment Insurance Act will cover the same employers and employees as are subject to the Federal pay roll tax for Old

Age and Survivors Insurance. Employers who do not receive a registration form from the Department of Employment by the first of the year immediately should contact the Department by letter if they hire one or more employees. Muford said if the employer is not listed under the Old Age and Survivors Insurance, no forms will be mailed to him.

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Evangelical Christmas Theme Given

"The Christ of Christmas" is to be the Sunday sermon theme of Rev. H. Wesley Roloff in Central Evangelical Community Church at 11:00 a.m., Christmas Sunday, Dec. 23. Special music will be rendered by the choir.

According to the Reverend Mr. Roloff, other Advent services include the Christmas program presented by the Sunday School on Friday evening, Dec. 21 at 7:30, and the Choir Concert to be presented Sunday evening, Dec. 23, at 7:30.

The Central Church Choir, directed by Mrs. Lyle Sage, and accompanied by Mrs. Paul Findley, will present an hour of sacred music interwoven around the Christmas story. The Choir program will be climaxed in an impressive service of Candle-lighting and the recessional march. The choir will be supported by several accomplished soloists.

The public is most cordially invited. Central Church is located at the corner of Marcelina and Arlington.

ALIEN TRAVEL
Wartime restrictions on enemy alien travel and contraband in Southern California have all been cancelled on instructions from the U. S. Attorney General by authority of the President, U. S. Attorney Charles H. Carr said.

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